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INTRODUCTION

Don't you just love your unique **Batman and Robin Crime Squad JOTTER PAD**? Now you can make notes or send messages to your family and friends with two of your favourite comic heroes!

But don't let it distract you from this month's great issue of **I Love to Read Batman!**

Egyptian mystery is the theme in *Cats and Gods*. **Catwoman** is on the prowl again on Gotham City's roof tops. Priceless artifacts depicting cats are too good for her to resist — or are they?!

Killer Croc is haunting the city's sewer system again in *Tunnel Vision*. This

story goes to prove, once more, that he has his sights set only on causing trouble.

Finally, get ready for one of **Superman's** nightmare adventures when he comes up against that evil monster—**Doomsday**.



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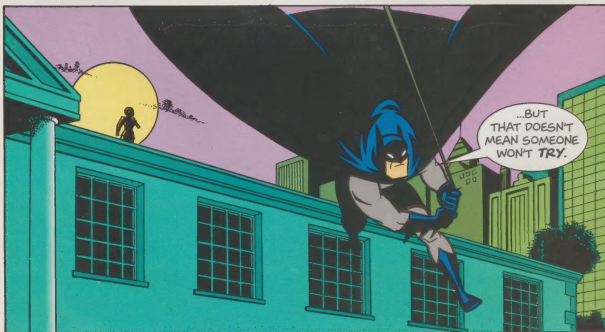
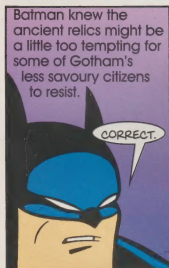
Two pages filled with pictures, photos and letters sent in by you, our readers.



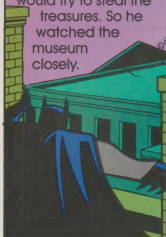
IN CATS & GODS

It was late at night in Gotham City and a dark figure swooped out of the moonlight, down towards the roof of the central museum.





Despite what Ms. Hathor said, Batman was sure someone would try to steal the treasures. So he watched the museum closely.



Batman was also puzzled. How had the woman managed to sneak up on him?

SHE MOVED
ALMOST LIKE A
CAT... OR A
GHOST.



Suddenly, just after midnight, Batman spotted a figure on the roof. It was Catwoman! And it looked like she was going to attempt a robbery, just as he had feared.



Batman gave chase at once. But Catwoman was as fast and daring as ever!



SKRISSSHHH!



By the time Batman had her cornered, Catwoman was already in the exhibition area.



But to Batman's amazement, she was **putting something back!**



Catwoman appeared to be returning the figure of a cat goddess.



THE STATUE OF SEHKMET HAS BEEN RESTORED TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE...

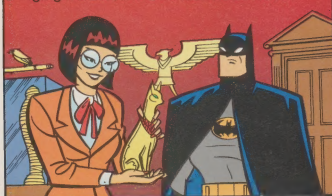
...THANK YOU, CATWOMAN. YOU MAY GO.



WHY LET HER GO?

I TOLD YOU NOTHING WOULD BE STOLEN. AND NOTHING HAS BEEN.

Leona told Batman that Catwoman had stolen the figurine of Sekhmet, when it was on display in Gateway City the previous month. It had brought her bad luck ever since. But by bringing it back, her bad luck had ended.



WE'LL SEE WHAT THE POLICE SAY ABOUT ALL THIS, MS. HATHOR.

Later, as Police Commissioner Gordon led his men in a search of the building...



When the Commissioner found the whole story hard to believe, Batman suggested that he question Ms. Hathor.



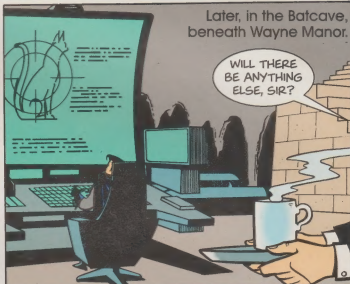
WE TRIED TO FIND MS. HATHOR, BUT THE MUSEUM STAFF SAID THEY HAD NEVER HEARD OF HER.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



Later, in the Batcave, beneath Wayne Manor.

WILL THERE BE ANYTHING ELSE, SIR?



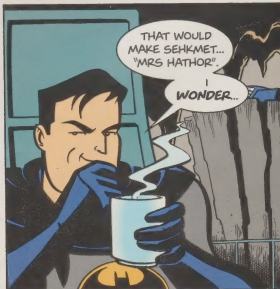
ALFRED, DID YOU KNOW THAT THE EGYPTIAN CAT GODDESS, SEHKMET, WAS THE WIFE OF THE GOD, HATHOR?

NO, SIR. YOUR COMPUTER CERTAINLY KNOWS MORE TRIVIA THAN I DO.



THAT WOULD MAKE SEHKMET... "MRS HATHOR".

WONDER...



THE END



FROM THE ROOF TOPS TO THE SEWERS, BATMAN CONFRONTS A VILLAIN WITH...

TUNNEL VISION



Perched high on the cathedral walls, the lifeless stone gargoyles patiently sat above the glittering nightscape of Gotham City.

Suddenly, the shrill wail of police sirens cut through the night air, echoing up from the maze of streets below.

Amongst the statues something moved! A strange, crouched shadow reared itself up to the full height of a man — a man who put fear in the hearts of Gotham's criminals — the Batman!

Batman took his grappling gun from his Utility Belt and fired it into the night. There came the reassuring *clink* as the grapple found a secure hold. Batman then stepped off the ledge, his cape billowing behind him like huge bat wings as he descended to the troubled streets.

Commissioner Gordon and his men were at one of Gotham's subway stations, taking statements from terrified passengers.

Batman appeared out of the darkness. "Killer Croc?" he asked.

Gordon nodded. "I sent some men down into the tunnels after him, but, as usual, he was long gone."

"This is the third time this week he's held up a subway train and robbed the passengers on board," said Gordon. "Each time he's vanished before my men can get anywhere near him. He's smarter than he looks. Perhaps we've been underestimating him all along."

Batman frowned. "He does have a certain animal cunning but more importantly, he has a keen knowledge of the city's sewer and drainage systems. Some of them run close to the subway tunnels where he's been hijacking the trains."

"Of course! He must be using the sewers as escape routes after he's pulled off the robberies!" exclaimed Gordon. "But that doesn't help us catch him. There must be a hundred miles of tunnels beneath the city. There's no way we can search them **all!**"

"We don't have to," replied Batman.

Early the following morning the city began to stir into life as Gotham's citizens began their daily journeys to work. Deep below the city streets someone else was also getting ready to go to work. It was Killer Croc, the former professional wrestler who had turned to crime. He pushed aside the sewer hatch and climbed up into the subway tunnel.

Croc smiled a razor-toothed smile to himself. His plan was foolproof. By ripping up the subway track in the deepest tunnels, the trains would be forced to grind to a halt. He could then take





his time stealing the cash and jewellery from the trapped passengers. By the time the subway control room realised what was happening and alerted the police, he would have slipped away, back into the sewers he called home.

The thief looked down the tunnel at the faint lights of the train heading towards him. There came a low rumble, growing to a roar as the train thundered in his direction. Effortlessly, Croc tore up the track. There was a loud squeal of brakes as the train driver saw what happened and quickly drew the train to a halt.

The villain yanked off a carriage door with one hand and leapt inside. "This is a stick-up! Your money or your lives!" he bellowed.

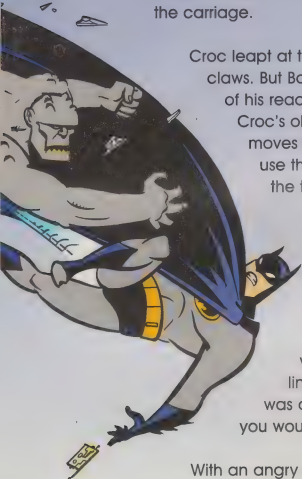
The passengers didn't move. Croc was puzzled. The people were as still as shop window dummies! Looking closer, he realised that's exactly what they were.

"It's the end of the line for you, Croc," came a chillingly familiar voice from behind him. "You've just bought yourself a one-way ticket to Arkham."

Snarling, Croc turned to see Batman peeling off his disguise as the train driver. Batman began to work a small control box in his hand. But as quick as a striking snake, Croc lunged at Batman, sending them both crashing

through the front window of the train and onto the tracks. Batman cannoned out with his legs, kicking Croc away from him. He reached for the control box but it had skidded down the dark tunnel.

Batman gritted his teeth. He would have to do this the hard way and activate the trap manually. But first he had to get Croc back inside the carriage.



Croc leapt at the Batman, slashing at him with his deadly claws. But Batman anticipated the attack and rolled out of his reach. He had watched recordings of some of Croc's old wrestling matches and knew the various moves the villain liked to use. Batman planned to use this knowledge to help him get Croc back on the train.

"I don't know how you found me," growled Croc. "But you made a mistake coming down here!"

"The mistake's yours!" answered Batman. "You were obviously robbing trains in the wealthy business district and only on those lines with tunnels next to the sewer system. It was a process of elimination to predict where you would strike next."

With an angry roar Croc charged at Batman. The Dark Knight stood his ground. At the last moment he stepped aside, throwing his cape over Croc and tying it tight with a grapple line. Before Croc could tear free, Batman bundled him into the train carriage and pulled a hidden lever on the outside.

Croc freed himself from the cape just in time to see thick steel bars slam down over the windows and doors. He was trapped! The villain went wild, tearing at the floor and ceiling, looking for a way out.

"Don't bother," said Batman. "The entire carriage is made of reinforced steel. Get used to it. There are even more steel bars where you're going."

THE END

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Colour in this picture of Batman and Robin swinging through the air on their Batropes.



EGYPT QUIZ

This is a quiz about Egyptian things. After each question, circle the picture you think is the answer.

1. The **pyramids** in Egypt are tombs of the kings.
Which of these three pictures shows the pyramids?



← This one



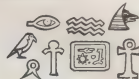
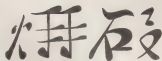
2. **Cleopatra's needle** was originally from Egypt, but is now in London.
Do you know which of these three it is?



← This one



3. Early Egyptian writing was done in pictures, called **hieroglyphs**.
Which of these would you see in an Egyptian tomb?



← This one

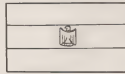
4. The **Sphinx** is a famous statue at Gizeh in Egypt.
Which of these three statues is it?



← This one



5. One of these **flags** is Egyptian. Do you know which one it is?



← This one

6. The king of ancient Egypt was known as the **Pharaoh**.
Which of these three kings is a Pharaoh?

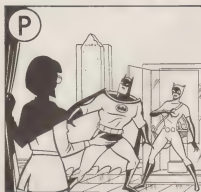
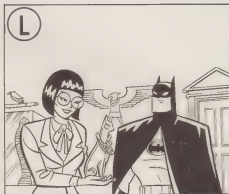
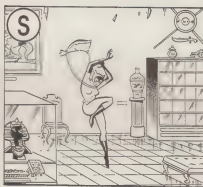
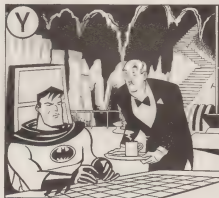


← This one



ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order** (1-7) and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



D	T	S	I	L		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

D I S T R A Y

SUB WORDS

In the story *Tunnel Vision*, Killer Croc robs people on the Gotham City subway system. There are many words that begin with the letters SUB.

Try to fill in the missing letters given after the clues below which all begin with SUB.

1. A vessel that goes under water.
2. At school, maths, English, geography etc. are all different...
3. To take away.
4. An outlying part of a city.
5. To go under water.
6. Less than the speed of sound.

1. SUB n a i l u n e

2. SUB J e c t s

3. SUB I t a l e

4. SUB k e y

5. SUB _ _ _ _ _

6. SUB _ _ _ _ _

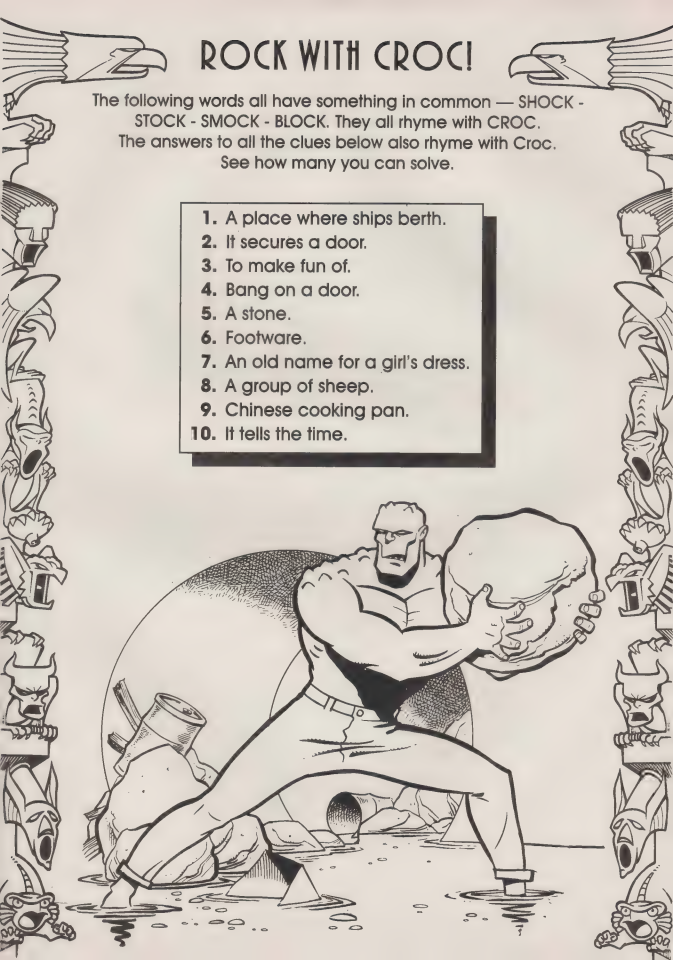
ROCK WITH CROC!

The following words all have something in common — SHOCK - STOCK - SMOCK - BLOCK. They all rhyme with CROC.

The answers to all the clues below also rhyme with Croc.

See how many you can solve.

1. A place where ships berth.
2. It secures a door.
3. To make fun of.
4. Bang on a door.
5. A stone.
6. Footware.
7. An old name for a girl's dress.
8. A group of sheep.
9. Chinese cooking pan.
10. It tells the time.



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- A black and white line drawing of Superman in a heroic pose, wearing his iconic suit and cape. The drawing is simple and stylized, suitable for coloring.



CORNY QUIZ

Much of the action in the story *The Doomsday Solution*, takes place in a corn field. Take the letters from the corn stalks below to spell various words which have the word CORN in them.





ANSWERS

EGYPT QUIZ

- 1=2nd picture
- 2=1st picture
- 3=3rd picture
- 4=1st picture
- 5=3rd picture
- 6=2nd picture

SUB WORDS

- 1. SUBMARINE
- 2. SUBJECTS
- 3. SUBTRACT
- 4. SUBURB
- 5. SUBMERGE
- 6. SUBSONIC

ALL MIXED UP

The word is DISPLAY

ROCK WITH CROCI

- 1. DOCK
- 2. LOCK
- 3. MOCK
- 4. KNOCK
- 5. ROCK
- 6. SOCK
- 7. FROCK
- 8. FLOCK
- 9. WOK
- 10. CLOCK

CORNY QUIZ

- 1. UNICORN
- 2. CORNET
- 3. CORNER
- 4. CORNEA
- 5. SWEET CORN
- 6. CORN FLAKES

MONSTER SOLUTION

			I	D	R	E	A	M	S	
2	P	R	O	T	E	C	T			
3	P	R	O	B	L	E	M			
4	R	A	M	P	A	G	E			
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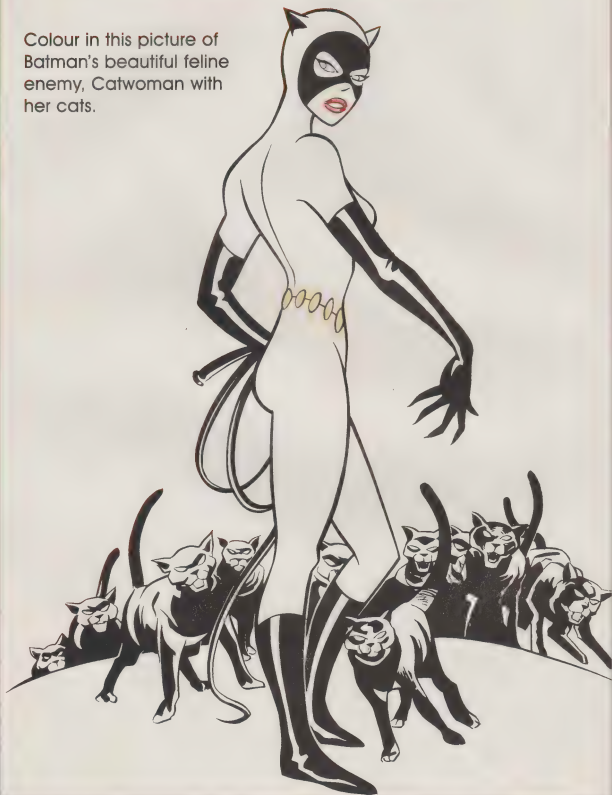


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COLOURING

Colour in this picture of
Batman's beautiful feline
enemy, Catwoman with
her cats.





ROBIN

HERO PROFILE

Secret Identity:

Dick Grayson

Alias:

The Teen Wonder

Occupation:

College student

Known Relatives:

John and Mary
Grayson, a.k.a.

The Flying
Graysons

(parents, deceased)

Base of Operations:

Gotham City

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 68 Kilos

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Black

Powers and Weapons:

After years of training as a circus acrobat, Robin is an amazing gymnast. He learned martial arts from one of the greatest fighters in the world—Batman. Robin is also a highly skilled detective. He often rides into battle on his motorcycle, or swoops down from the air on his hang glider.

SOLE SURVIVOR OF THE DOOMED PLANET KRYPTON, CLARK KENT GREW UP TO DISCOVER THAT HE POSSESSED POWERS AND ABILITIES FAR BEYOND THOSE OF MORTAL MEN. NOW HE USES THOSE POWERS TO FIGHT A NEVER-ENDING BATTLE FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND THE GOOD OF ALL HUMANITY AS THE EARTH'S GREATEST HERO...

SUPERMAN. IN: THE DOOMSDAY SOLUTION

"IT'S SOMETHING I'LL NEVER FORGET."



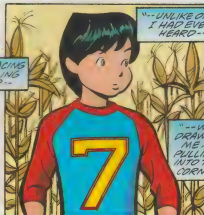
"I WAS YOUNGER, STILL LIVING ON THE FARM WHERE I GREW UP."

"THE CORN, ALMOST READY FOR HARVEST, TOWERED OVER ME."

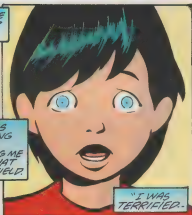


"A MENACING GROWLING SOUND--"

"--UNLIKE ONE I HAD EVER HEARD--"



"--WAS DRAWING ME... PULLING ME INTO THAT CORNFIELD."

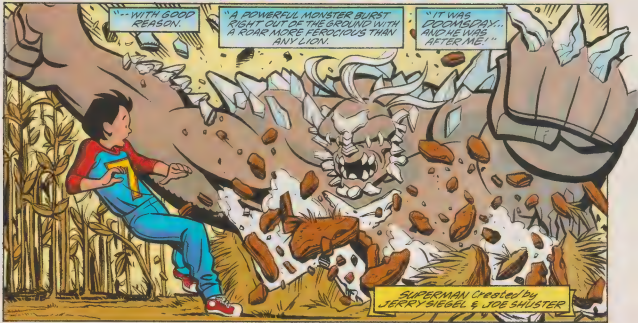


"I WAS TERRIFIED."

"--WITH GOOD REASON."

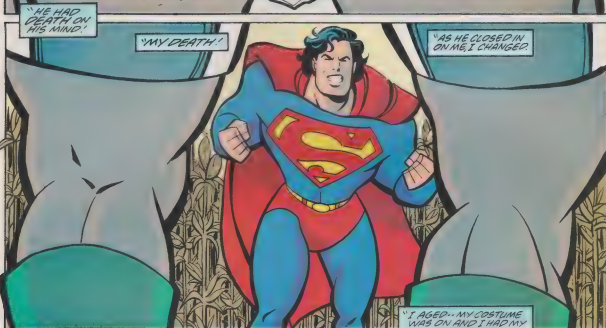
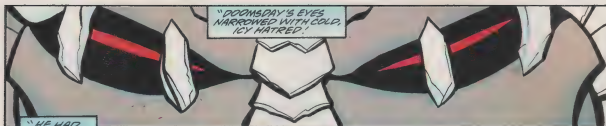
"A POWERFUL MONSTER BURST RIGHT OUT OF THE GROUND WITH A ROAR MORE FEROCIOUS THAN ANY LION."

"IT WAS DOOMSDAY... AND HE WAS AFTER ME."



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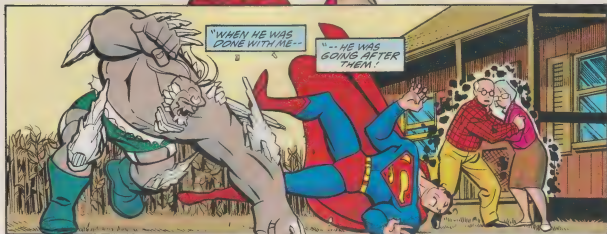


"ANY TIME I GO
UP AGAINST
TROUBLE, THERE
ARE INNOCENT
PEOPLE AROUND
WHOSE SAFETY
CONCERNS ME!"



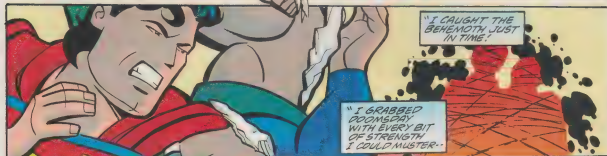
"IN THIS CASE
IT WAS MY OWN
PARENTS!"

"DOOMSDAY'S PLAN
WAS CLEAR!"



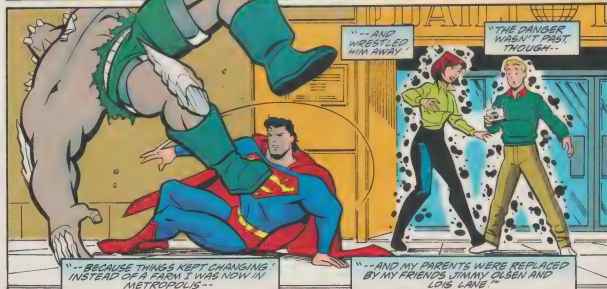
"WHEN HE WAS
DONE WITH ME--"

"-- HE WAS
GOING AFTER
THEM!"



"I CAUGHT THE
BEHEMOTH JUST
IN TIME!"

"I GRABBED
DOOMSDAY
WITH EVERY BIT
OF STRENGTH
I COULD MUSTER--"



"-- AND
WRESTLED
HIM AWAY!"

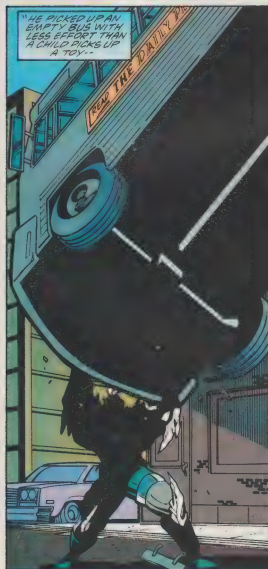
"THE DANGER
WASN'T PAST,
THOUGH--"

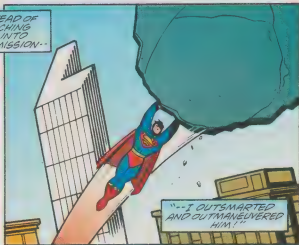
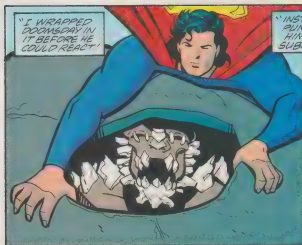
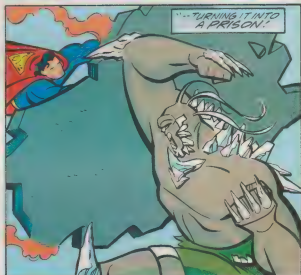
"-- BECAUSE THINGS KEPT CHANGING!
INSTEAD OF A FARM, I WAS NOW IN
METROPOLIS--"

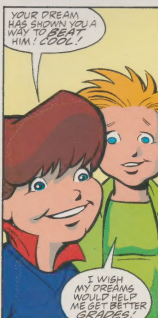
"-- AND MY PARENTS WERE REPLACED
BY MY FRIENDS JIMMY OLSEN AND
LOIS LANE."



"IT DIDN'T WORK. HE WAS INVINCIBLE."







DYNAMIC DISPATCHES

WE HAVE BEEN FLOODED BY ALL YOUR FANTASTIC LETTERS, PICTURES AND PHOTOGRAPHS. SORRY WE CAN'T FIT IN ALL THE MAIL WE RECEIVE BUT HERE IS A SELECTION FROM OUR EVER BULGING MAILBAG!



BY JOSHUA WHITE
WEST BROMWICH

HERE'S A SPECIAL EXHIBITION SHOWING SOME OF THE PICTURES OUR READERS HAVE MADE WITH THEIR BATMOBILE STENCILS!



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STOCKTON



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INDIVIDUALLY BUT WE WILL PRINT AS MANY OF YOUR
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YOUR NAME, AGE, ADDRESS AND **SAE** IF YOU WANT
YOUR **PHOTOS** RETURNED.

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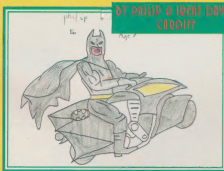


GEORGE CAYGILL
EPSOM



BY GIL THOMPSON
PORT GLASGOW

BY PHILIP & IRENE DAVIES
CARDIFF



JOE COCKATNE
GOODWICK

Q: Why did Batman
climb a tree?

A: He was looking
for Robin's nest.

from Hannah Spencer

IN THE NEXT ISSUE...

The citizens of Gotham City are not
happy with **Mr. Freeze's** solution
to keeping
them cool in
the middle of a
swelteringly
hot summer.
Cold Comfort is
no comfort
when this cool
villain is on the
scene!



Keep an eye out for
the **Green Lantern**.

He's back to
amaze you with
his super powers
once again. This
time he goes out
into space to
save the earth
from alien invasion
in **Shape Shift!**



And the **Joker** is
up to no good
again in **Joker's
Bandit Balloon**.
Is there no end
to what the
Clown Prince of
Crime will do to
bring trouble to
Gotham City?



TO COMPLEMENT THE SERIES OF
HERO PROFILES, STARTED IN THIS
ISSUE, THE JOKER WILL FEATURE IN
THE FIRST OF OUR SERIES OF
VILLAIN PROFILES.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Spot the **8** differences between these two pictures showing Robin giving the Mad Hatter a hard time!

Answers: 1. The bomb has no reflection mark. 2. The Mad Hatter's hat band is missing. 3. The Mad Hatter's bow is black. 4. The Mad Hatter's collar is missing. 5. A triangle is missing at the Mad Hatter's feet. 6. Robin's boot is longer. 7. Robin's hand is missing. 8. Robin's belt is missing its ridges.

